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In the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A method for selecting a printed image size comprising steps of:

receiving an image;

determining an orientation of said received image;

calculating a range of image sizes for printing said image based on a plurality of factors; and

selecting at least one of said image sizes in said range for printing said image, wherein the selected image is printed in said orientation of said received image.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising steps of:

receiving a user-preferred image size; and

determining whether said user-preferred image size is within said range.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein said step of selecting further comprises steps of:

selecting said user-preferred image size for printing said image in response to said user-preferred image size being within said range; and

selecting said at least one of said image sizes in said range for printing said image in response to said user-preferred image size falling outside of said range.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of calculating further comprises steps of:

determining an aspect ratio of said image; and

calculating said range, whereby an image printed in each of said sizes in said range has an aspect ratio approximately equal to an aspect ratio of said received image.

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1 5. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein said step of calculating
2 further comprises steps of:

3 determining a resolution of said received image;
4 determining a resolution of a printer printing said image;
5 correlating said resolution of said received image and said printer; and
6 calculating said sizes in said range, whereby an image printed in each of
7 said sizes in said range has a resolution associated with said correlated resolution.

8 6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein said step of calculating
9 further comprises a step of calculating said sizes in said range, whereby an image
10 printed in each of said sizes in said range has a number of pixels that is greater
11 than a predetermined minimum number of pixels and less than a predetermined
12 maximum number of pixels.

13 7. (Cancelled)

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15 8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[7]]1, wherein said
16 orientation includes one of landscape and portrait.

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18 9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said plurality of factors
19 includes one or more of resolution, aspect ratio, number of pixels per inch of a
20 printed image, and image orientation.

21 10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said steps in said method are
22 performed by a program stored in a computer readable medium.
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11. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said calculating step further includes a step of calculating a range of image sizes for printing said image on at least A3 sized paper medium.

12. (Currently Amended) A method for printing an image comprising steps of:

receiving an image;

calculating a range of image sizes for printing said image based on a plurality of factors, wherein an image printed in each of said sizes in said range has a number of pixels that is greater than a predetermined minimum number of pixels and less than a predetermined maximum number of pixels; and

printing said image in a size in said range.

13. (Original) The method of claim 12, further comprising steps of:

receiving a user-preferred image size; and

determining whether said user-preferred image size is within said range.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein said step of printing comprises steps of:

printing said received image in said user-preferred image size in response to said user-preferred image size being within said range; and

printing said received image in a size in said range in response to said user-preferred image size falling outside of said range.

15. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein said plurality of factors includes one or more of resolution, aspect ratio, number of pixels per inch of a printed image, and image orientation.

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1 16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 12, wherein said printing
2 step comprises a step of printing said image on at least A3 size print medium.

3 17. (Currently Amended) A system operable to select an image size for
4 printing an image, said system comprising:

5 at least one interface operable to receive said image;

6 a processor operable to calculate a range of sizes for printing said image
7 based on a plurality of factors, wherein said plurality of factors includes resolution
8 and aspect ratio; and

9 wherein said processor is additionally operable for:

10 receiving a user-preferred image size;

11 determining whether said user-preferred image size is within
12 said range;

13 selecting said user-preferred image size for printing said
14 image in response to said user-preferred image size being within said
15 range; and

16 selecting said at least one of said image sizes in said range for
17 printing said image in response to said user-preferred image size
18 falling outside of said range; and

19 a printer operable to print said image in a size in said range.

20 18. (Original) The system of claim 17, wherein said processor is further
21 operable to calculate a range of image sizes for printing said image based on a
22 plurality of factors and select at least one of said image sizes in said range for
23 printing said image on said printer.
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19. (Original) The system of claim 18, wherein said at least one interface is further operable to receive a user-preferred image size, and said processor is further operable to determine whether said user-preferred image size is within said range.

20. (Original) The system of claim 19, wherein said processor is further operable to select said user-preferred image size for printing said image on said printer in response to said user-preferred image size being within said range, and said processor is further operable to select at least one of said image sizes in said range for printing said image in response to said user-preferred image size falling outside of said range.

21. (Original) The system of claim 20, wherein said interface includes a network interface.

22. (Original) The system of claim 21, wherein said interface includes a user input device.